

FOREWORD

I welcome this, my first opportunity as Secretary—General of the South East Asia Treaty Organization to write an introduction to the progress report of the SEATO Medical Research Laboratory.

Since its establishment, the SEATO Medical Research Laboratory has achieved remarkable success in its efforts to promote the health and well—being of the peoples of the region. This report shows that it continues to do so with undiminished vigour, while adding, through experimentation and inquiry, to the sum of medical knowledge within its specialized fields.

The present volume is another testimony to the dedication of the staff of the Laboratory during the year 1972—73. As such, I recommend it in particular to those engaged in similar research throughout the world, who should find it of interest and value.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sunthorn Hongladarom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sunthorn" being more prominent and the last name "Hongladarom" following in a similar style.

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Whatever happened in this part of the world, the members of the staff of the Laboratory were determined that their efforts be well spent and directed to the same objective, that is, for the furtherance of knowledge relevant to problems of diseases and ill health of importance in this region and that their work be of the same traditionally high standard. They are to be commended in this respect.

The contents of this report cover the work done between April 1972 and March 1973. It is hoped that the information contained herein will be useful to those interested.

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